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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

This evening officers with the SWAT unit were shot while executing a narcotics search warrant in the 4300 block of Wild Oak. The officers had entered the home to execute the search warrant and were in the process of securing the home when the suspect opened fire with an assault rifle critically injuring two officers. Two other officers received wounds to the arm and face area for which they were treated and released. The suspect, who was concealed in a bedroom of the home, surrendered to SWAT officers and has been charged with four counts of attempted capital murder. SWAT officers did return fire. The suspect was not injured as a result of the gunfire.

The 18 year veteran officer was hit twice and is currently still in surgery in critical condition. He is expected to make a full recovery. The second officer, a 13 year veteran, was struck in the abdomen, cheek and shoulder. He is in critical but stable condition and is also expected to make a full recovery.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol SWAT officers who returned fire will be placed on administrative duty.

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